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Autonomous Automatic Gain Control in a Low
Noise Broadband Distribution AmplifierInventors: Adel FANOUS *et al.*

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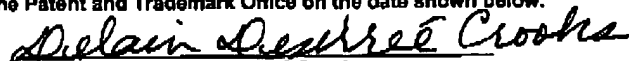
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Applicant's or agent's file reference 1875.168PC03	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/US02/25799	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 August 2002 (15.08.2002)
Applicant BROADBAND CORPORATION	

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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:



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the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,



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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3



as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.



None of the figures

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The abstract is too long (PCT Rule 8.1(b)). The abstract must be less than 150 words, or 200 words when no figure is to be published.

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

NEW ABSTRACT

An active splitter circuit arrangement (300) includes a first amplification module (302) having a number of first input ports and first output ports. The first amplification module is configured to provide a first stage amplification to a received input signal (RF input) and produce from the amplified input signal a number of output signals, each substantially matching the input signal (RF input). Also included is a first gain control device (304) having a number of gain input ports respectively coupled to the first output ports and a gain output port coupled to at least one of the first input ports. The first gain control device is configured to control a gain of the first amplification module. Next, a number of second amplification modules (308, 310, 312) corresponding to the number of output signals has a number of second input ports respectively coupled to the first output ports. Each second amplification module (308, 310, 312) is configured to receive a control signal from the second gain control device.

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International application No.

PCT/US02/25799

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : H03F 3/68

US CL : 375/297, 455/132, 140, 188.1, 330/124R, 295, 278,

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
NONEElectronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
NONE**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,266,013 B1 (STILP et al.) 24 July 2001 (24.07.2001), Figure 2b, column 11, lines 49-	1-3
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